

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
) Civil Action No. 11-CV-00077
v.)
) Judge Rodney W. Sippel
AMEREN MISSOURI,)
)
Defendant.)
)

AMEREN MISSOURI'S RULE 12(b)(6) MOTION TO DISMISS

Defendant Ameren Missouri (“Ameren”), by its attorneys, respectfully moves for dismissal of the Complaint pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), for the following reasons:

1. The Complaint alleges that Ameren Missouri’s routine maintenance projects at its Rush Island power plant in Festus, Missouri violated the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (“PSD”) and Title V provisions of the Clean Air Act (“CAA”), and the Missouri state implementation plan (“Missouri SIP”). The Complaint seeks hundreds of millions of dollars in civil penalties and injunctive relief.
2. The Court should dismiss the Complaint in its entirety because the Complaint lacks any factual allegations about the projects at issue. Instead of facts, the Complaint offers only verbatim quotes of regulations and conclusions of law, which cannot make out any plausible claim to relief under *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555, 127 S. Ct. 1955, 1965 (2007) and *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1949 (2009).

3. In the alternative, the Court should dismiss, as time-barred, most of the claims for civil monetary penalties. Under both the Clean Air Act and the Missouri SIP, any claimed violations of the PSD program (in Counts I and II) occurred, if at all, at the time the alleged projects took place and are not continuing violations. *Sierra Club v. Otter Tail Power Co.*, 615 F.3d 1008 (8th Cir. 2010). The same is true for the related claims (in Counts III and IV) that Ameren Missouri violated the conditions of its Title V operating permit. The relevant statute of limitations, 28 U.S.C. § 2462, is five years, and all of the projects took place – and thus, those claims accrued – over five years ago.

4. Ameren Missouri has concurrently filed a memorandum of law in support of this motion.

WHEREFORE, for these reasons and those set forth in its accompanying memorandum of law, Defendant Ameren Missouri respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion and dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint in its entirety.

In the alternative, the Court should dismiss the claims for civil penalties that relate to: (1) all PSD claims (Compl. ¶¶ 68, 74); (2) Title V claims that allege a violation of the Title V operating permit's provision that references PSD (Comp. ¶¶ 48, 80, 89); and (3) Title V claims that allege a violation of the Title V operating permit's compliance certification provision (Compl. ¶¶ 77, 88).

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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